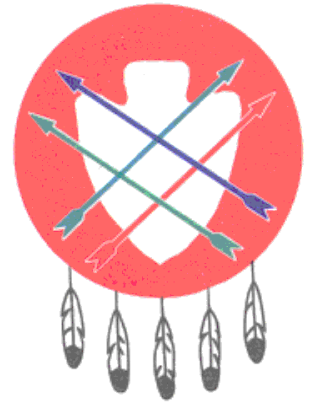


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Chief's Message

Spring is just around the corner, which means our Annual Meeting is approaching. The Meeting will be held Saturday March 7th at the Ottawa/Peoria Cultural Center. There had been thoughts of holding the meeting at the new Peoria Ridge clubhouse. However, due to the length of the walk from the parking lot to the clubhouse, access to the Ottawa/Peoria building will make it easier for our elders. We will begin serving lunch at 11:45 a.m., and The Annual Meeting will start at 1p.m. There will also be dinner and a stomp dance that evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing everyone at the 2015 Annual Peoria Council meeting.

Our new tribal program for elders and disabled individuals has been going well. Cynthia Stacy is the staff person who directs that program. She has received several positive comments on how this new program has helped our tribal members. The program will start again on April 1st and will run concurrent with the tribe's fiscal year. So assistance will start over, and receipts will need to be dated after April 1st, 2015. If you have any questions, please call Cynthia at 918-540-2535 ext. 31.

The Business Committee has been working on several projects this past year. Completion of the sewer project between the City of Miami and the Tribe is nearly finished. This project will move the city forward in creating additional land for housing, business, and expanding services to the citizens of Ottawa County.

We have also been working with the University of Illinois on several projects, two of which have been through the school of Business. These projects have looked at our tribal businesses and given the Business Committee a report on how each entity can be more profitable. The projects consist of a team of 7-10 students working with our management staff and myself on providing them information about our working models for each enterprise, with a detailed report at the end of the semester. Another project is how we, as a tribe, can expand the educational opportunities for our tribal members. Working with the administration of the University of Illinois, we are closing in on some ideas that will create education programs at the University solely for Peoria students. We hope to identify several students that may be interested in attending the University in the near future. So if you know of any students that may have an interest in this project, please have them get in touch with me personally. I may be reached at 918-540-2535. Some delegates from the University will be in Miami the day of our Annual Meeting. If you have any questions regarding this project you may visit with them at that time.

Once again, hope to see you all on Saturday, March the 7th.

Sincerely,
John P. Froman, Chief

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ANNUAL PEORIA COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Peoria Council Meeting of the Peoria Tribe is scheduled for **Saturday, March 7, 2015**. The meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. at the Ottawa/Peoria Cultural Center. Lunch will be served between 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Please note there will be **no Tribal Election** held that morning.

Make plans to come to Miami and spend the day with family and friends!

Elder Care and Disability Reimbursement Program

The Business Committee has approved a new program for our elders and disabled tribal members. The Elder Care and Disability Reimbursement program will start on October 1st of this year. Below you can find the program description and the application to apply is on page 4. You may also review the policies and procedures on the tribal website, or contact the office to receive a copy. All services must be received after October 1, 2014 for this reimbursement program. If you have any questions feel free to contact Cynthia Stacy at 918-540-2535 Ext. 31 at the Peoria Tribal office.

Program Description

The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma has established a program to aid the elderly population that could benefit from an additional funding source to supplement their households, and/or disability needs, without restricting or interfering with other government programs.

The Elder Care and Disability Reimbursement Program (ECDRP) will make available up to \$500 per fiscal year (April 1st- March 31st) for eligible tribal members. Each eligible tribal member may only choose from one program to receive reimbursement, being limited to 3 requests for services per fiscal year, not to exceed maximum total of \$500. All denied benefits will be reviewed by a 3 person Review Committee comprised of the Chief and 2 accounting staff members. Individuals will not be permitted to receive benefits as both “elderly” and “disabled.”

Applicants may only utilize one program.

Qualifications Criteria:

- Individual must be an **enrolled member** of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, evidenced by Tribal Enrollment Card to receive benefits.
- Eligible tribal member must be **65 years or older**, evidenced by a Photo I.D. to receive benefits.
- Eligible **adult** tribal member must provide an award letter or benefit statement from the Social Security Administration (dated within last 90 days), to receive disability benefits. **No other proof of disability will be accepted.**
- Minors or other disabled individuals already receiving Disability Social Security or SSI benefits payable to a representative payee, will be eligible for tribal reimbursement program. All payments will be made to the **representative payee** as designated on SSI records. **Minors not receiving SSI benefits must have documentation of state or federal Determination of Disability to receive reimbursement.**

Eligibility for Reimbursement:

- Approved application must be on file.
- Submission date of the application will be the date the application is received at the Tribal office.
- Receipt must be dated within the fiscal year of application date.
- All receipts must show date and amount of transaction with description of product(s) and services.
- All receipts must contain the vendors contact information and a detailed summary of product(s) and services.

Eligible Expenses:**Insurance and Taxes:**

- Life Insurance
- Home Owner's Insurance
- Automotive Insurance
- Healthcare Insurance
- Personal Content Insurance for renters
- Property Tax

Note: ALL insurance/proof of ownership of property must be in the name of the eligible tribal member to qualify for payment.

Utilities:

- Electric
- Natural gas
- Propane
- Water
- Trash services
- Telephone services

Note: ALL utilities must be in the name of the eligible tribal member to qualify for payment.

Health Care Expense:

- Prescription eye glasses
- Dentures
- Medical Alert Service
- Prescription medication
- Health care deductibles
- Physician prescribed ambulatory product (wheelchair, cane, walker)
- Hearing aids
- Miscellaneous items prescribed by a physician

Note: ALL prescriptions and deductibles must be in the name of the eligible tribal member to qualify for payment.



Application
Elder Care & Disability Reimbursement Program
PO Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355
918-540-2535

Tribal Member Name: _____

Address: _____
City/State/Zip Code

Phone Number: _____

(Only 3 applications will be accepted per tribal member per fiscal year)

Tribal Roll #: _____
(Attach copy of membership card)

Birth date: _____

Program Applying for: (check one)

Elder Care: _____ **Disability:** _____

Total of attached receipts: \$ _____

MUST BE ATTACHED: (check list below)

☐

Copy of Tribal Membership Card

☐

Copy of Photo I.D.

☐

Original Receipts of Purchases for items or services (stated in guidelines)

Disability applicants will also need:

☐

Award Letter, Benefit Statement or Determination of Disability documentation.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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Date Received: _____ Membership confirmed: _____ Reimbursement Requisition _____ Check mailed _____

PEORIA TRIBE SUMMARY OF TRUST FUNDS			
December 31, 2014			
ACTIVITY	TOTAL		
114 ACRES AT WYANDOTTE			\$4,870.01
PEORIA DESCENDANTS	PRINCIPAL	0	10,834.57
	INTEREST	10,834.57	
EDUCATION (Transfer)			807.22
EDUCATION	PRINCIPAL	176,850.16	270,427.29
	INTEREST	93,577.13	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	256,928.12
	INTEREST	84,777.17	
LAND ACQUISITION	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	256,985.02
	INTEREST	84,834.07	
BURIAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	87,383.06
	INTEREST	29,996.25	
TRIBAL GOV'T	PRINCIPAL	571,591.85	929,355.77
	INTEREST	357,763.92	
LEGAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	88,530.16
	INTEREST	31,143.35	
TOTAL			1,906,121.22
SUMMARY			
OVERNIGHTER (U.S. TREASURY)			51,121.22
INVESTMENTS			1,855,000.00
TOTAL			1,906,121.22

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Unaudited Summary Expenditure Budget Report As of 12/31/2014 (In Whole Dollars)			
Open FY 2015 Programs			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Indian Child Welfare	81,005.00	80,589	416
Damage Assessment Project	37,330.00	10,196	27,134
Community Health Representative	52,761.00	8,374	
Title VI	102,620.00	93,900	8,720
Library	6,000.00	1,525	
Water Quality Program	145,294.00	0	
Mussel Survey	0.00	12,535	
Indirect Cost Pool	441,323	336,932	104,391
Tribal Properties	377,128	126,273	250,855
Trading Post	7,578	3,703	3,875
Children's Christmas Special Revenue Fund	9,333	7,387	1,946
Gaming Commission	382,000	226,453	155,547
Cemetery Special Revenue Fund	9,067	6,111	2,956
Pow Wow Fund*	33,216	31,727	1,489
Tribal Fish Hatchery	148,800	44,131	104,669
Elder Care/Disability Program	225,000	16,557	208,443
Education/Activity 2617	1,254,000	613,262	640,738
Economic Development / Activity 2614	150,000	-	150,000
Land Acquisition/Activity	357,000	-	357,000
Burial / Activity 2617	190,000	139,724	50,277
Tribal Government / Activity 2621	557,200	188,215	368,985
Legal Fees / Activity 2627	25,000	5,935	19,065
Totals FY 2015	4,591,655	1,953,528	2,456,505
Open FY 2014 Programs			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Aid to Tribal Government	238,208.00	0	238,208
Higher Education	55,796.00	53,456	2,340
Damage Assessment Project	52,225.00	46,066	6,159
Tribal Transportation	12,500.00	2,247	
IRR	8,103.75	5,971	2,133
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	404,000.00	135,470	268,530
Title IV B	8,674.00	799	7,875
Child Care Program	797,081.00	356,391	440,690
Water Non Point Source Base	84,549	-	84,549
Promoting Safe & Stable Families	14,381	-	14,381
I H S Solid Waste Project	167,000	119,002	47,998
Totals FY 2014	1,842,518	719,402	1,112,862
Open FY 2013 Programs			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Aid to Tribal Government	239,449.22	133,537.3	105,912
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	259,100.00	214,359	44,741
GAP	246,250.00	155,041	91,209
Water-Non Point Source-Base	70,000	69,176	824
Water Quality Program	110,225	109,928	297
Totals FY 2013	925,024	682,042	242,982
Open FY 2012 Programs			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Non Point Source Golf Course	356,796.00	281,279	75,517
Totals FY 2012	356,796	281,279	75,517
Open FY 2011 Programs			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Non Point Source Water NEO	343,833	342,253	1,580
Totals FY 2011	343,833	342,253	1,580
Open FY 2008 Programs			
Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Housing Improvement Program Contract	25,069		25,069
Totals FY 2008	25,069	-	25,069
Open FY 2003 Programs			
Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Housing Improvement Program	98,845	81,175	17,670
Totals FY 2003	98,845	81,175	17,670

Tribal Member Reimbursement Program For School Supplies/School Clothes

Program Description

At the September 2, 2014 Business Committee Meeting, the Business Committee approved a change to the reimbursement payout schedule. Please find that schedule below. The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma has established a program for reimbursement of school supplies or clothes for members of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma who are currently enrolled in grades K through 12. This will be an annual program subject to budget approval each year by the Peoria Tribal Business Committee.

The maximum amount per eligible student per school year is \$500. Reimbursements will be made in accordance with the following Guidelines and made payable to the parent/guardian submitting the application. Reimbursement checks will be mailed to the address as listed on the application.

Examples of costs allowable for reimbursement under this program include paper, pencils, notebooks, backpacks, shoes, clothes, school uniforms, lab fees, activity fees, summer school fees, or other fees charged by the school system. All costs must be itemized on a printed receipt and submitted with the Program Application.

All applications for reimbursements must be submitted to the Education Director at the Peoria Tribal Office. **Only one application will be accepted per student per period. Each student can only be reimbursed 3 times per calendar year not to exceed the \$500 maximum.**

PERIOD	PERIOD DEADLINE
Period 1 – September 3 rd through September 30 th	September 30 th
Period 2 – October 1 st through October 31 st	October 31 st
Period 3 – November 1 st through November 30 th	November 30 th
Period 4 – December 1 st through December 31 st	December 31 st
Period 5 – January 1, 2015 through January 31, 2015	January 31, 2015
Period 6 – February 1 st through February 28 th	February 28 th
Period 7 - March 1 st through March 31 st	March 31 st
Period 8 – April 1 st through April 30 th	April 30 th
Period 9 - May 1 st through May 31 st	May 30 th
Period 10 - June 1 st through June 30 th	June 30 th

Applications must be received by the deadline date to be processed for that period.
Any incomplete applications or postage due applications will not be accepted and will be returned for your completion.

Guidelines

- Student must be an enrolled member of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.
- Must provide with application a copy of the student's tribal membership card.
- Student must be currently enrolled in grades K-12.
- Must provide original letter on official letterhead from school certifying the student's enrollment for current school year.
- Must provide original receipts for purchases showing description of items purchased, and cost per item.
- The maximum annual amount to be reimbursed per student is \$500 and will be made payable to the parent/guardian submitting the Program Application.

**Application Tribal Member Reimbursement Program
For School Supplies/School Clothes
Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
PO Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355
918-540-2535**

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____
City/State/Zip

Phone Number: _____

Student's Name: _____

(Only one application will be accepted per student per period)

Student's Tribal Roll #: _____ Birth date: _____
(Attach copy of membership card)

School Attending: _____
(Attach copy of certification of enrollment from school)

Grade: _____ Age: _____ Period for which you are applying:
Period 1: ____ Period 2: ____ Period 3: ____

Total of attached receipts: _____

MUST BE ATTACHED: (check list below)

☐ Copy of Tribal Membership Card

☐ Original Certification of School Enrollment

☐ Original Receipts of Purchases for School Supplies/Clothes

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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Period Received: _____ Date Received: _____ Membership Confirmed: _____

Reimbursement Requisition: _____ Check Mailed: _____

FROM THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE

Is your State Certified Birth Certificate on file in the Enrollment Office?

The Enrollment Office is continuing to update all tribal membership files. Many members have already sent in their state certified birth certificates. To comply with Federal guidelines and be eligible for a CDIB card, issued through the BIA, a state certified birth certificate is required. Reminder; state certified birth certificates must show, state file number, state seal, state registrars signature and parentage. If you are unsure if you have a state birth certificate on file please call the Enrollment Office. If you need assistance in acquiring one please contact State Vital Records Department in the state you were born and they will assist you in how you can acquire one.

Is your name updated in your membership file?

The Enrollment Office will be glad to assist any member who needs to have their name changed. If your name has changed please update your file to your current legal name. Please bring or send in your legal documentation (such as marriage license, court order, etc.) and the name change process can begin. If you are receiving the tribal newsletter with a previous name listed on the address label, please call the Enrollment Office for assistance or send your legal documentation (i.e. marriage license, court order, etc.) so the name change process can begin. It has been observed, the postal service has been returning newsletters and other miscellaneous correspondence sent from the Tribe if a persons name does not match their postal record. The process to update your name is not an immediate event. Please update your name before a need arises as the process takes the same amount of time whether there is a need or a want for a name change.

Missing or Change of Address

We still have several members (781) listed on the whereabouts unknown list. Any and all help is appreciated in finding these members. Several members have contacted the office with an update of family members. When the Enrollment Office receives a telephonic or electronic address change, the Enrollment Office will send a change of address form to the missing member with a request for completing the change of address form. Once the Enrollment Office receives the original, signed, completed form, the address is updated and the form is placed in the members file for accuracy. The Enrollment Office must have written permission from the tribal member, over the age of 18, or the legal custodial parent, for members under 18, on file for address changes. If you know someone who has moved or a tribal member household that is not receiving a newsletter please have them contact the Enrollment Office. If you would like to send the address form to them for their completion and return or an individual can download the form from the Peoria Tribe website www.peoriatribes.com a person should; go to Programs, then to Enrollment. Under the Enrollment section there will be a change of address form highlighted in red, open the form, print the form out, have the individual (of over 18) or legal custodial parent (if under 18) to sign and return to the Enrollment Office.

For your convenience, a change of address form has been placed in the newsletter. The address for returning the form is:

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

Attn: Enrollment Office

PO Box 1527

Miami OK 74355

Thank you to all who have and will assist in this ongoing endeavor. All help is valued.

Enrollment Ordinance Reminders

The Enrollment Office receives calls with requests for help or general enrollment information. To help members, listed below are a few reminders of the Enrollment Ordinance, which was revised and approved March 23, 2002. Below are sections of the Enrollment Ordinance of which the questions or information are typically asked.

Section 2. Dual enrollment with another Federally recognized tribe is prohibited and such prohibition shall be strictly applied; an enrolled member of another tribe shall not be eligible for membership with the Peoria Tribe. If a member of another tribe wishes to become a member of the Peoria Tribe, they must first relinquish all membership with other Federally recognized tribes.

Section 8. Each enrollment application must be completed in its entirety and must contain sufficient information to determine the applicant's eligibility for enrollment. Applicants must list the following on enrollment applications: all names by which the applicant has been known, applicant's current mailing address, name and notarized affidavit confirming applicant is not enrolled with any other Federally recognized tribe, and signature of the applicant or signature of the person filing the application on behalf of the applicant.

Section 9. Applications for enrollment must be accompanied with a State certified birth certificate. Applications received without a State certified birth certificate will not be processed. The following must be visible on State certified birth certificates:

State Seal

State File number

State Registrar's signature

State certified birth certificates must also be recorded with the State Vital Records Division of the state of birth. The following documents **are not** acceptable when accompanied with enrollment applications:

Hospital birth certificates

Baptismal certificate (even when parents' names are shown)

Heirship records

County abstracts

Approval of birth certificates issued by foreign nations or other highest-ranking governmental sub-division with jurisdiction to issue birth certificates will be at the discretion of the Enrollment Committee.

Section 18. Changes to active membership records, such as name changes due to marriage or divorce, must be made by legal documentation (i.e. marriage license, divorce decree, court order, etc.). Active members with change of addresses and other status information must notify the Enrollment Office at P.O. Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355 or by telephone at 918-540-2535 or 1-800-259-9987. Maintenance and accuracy of membership record data is the sole responsibility of each tribal member. Each tribal member is personally accountable for correct membership record information (i.e. contact information and/or name changes). The Tribal Enrollment Office will review changes to membership records to be forwarded to the Enrollment Committee; the Enrollment Committee shall certify its recommendation of approval to be approved by the Peoria Business Committee. Changes to membership records must ultimately be passed by resolution from the Business Committee and submitted to the Miami Area Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

If I can be of any assistance please call (918) 540-2535 or (800) 259-9987.

Submitted by,

Donna Harp, Enrollment Clerk

In Memory Of:

Ramona Florence
Eichinger

Lorianne Louise
Gillespie

Melba Ethel
Johnson

Fred Paul Smith

Samuel Lee
Wemmer

Tribal Member Reimbursement Program For School Supplies/School Clothes

I mailed out 570 applications to all Tribal Members ages 5-19 on July 7, 2014, for the school year 2014-15. 294 applications have been received for a total of \$102,964.63 being reimbursed to the tribal members. The next deadline to get reimbursed is February 28, 2015.

Mandie Ferguson
Education Director

Request for Change of Address

Date: _____

Tribal Member:

(First Name)

(Middle Name)

(Maiden Name/Last Name)

DOB: _____

(Social Security Number)

Roll No. _____

New Address:

Old Address:

Address

Address

City State Zip

City State Zip

Home Phone

E-mail

Signature of applicant

Please list all tribal members of household who will need to have address changed:

(Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN)

(Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN)

(Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN)

(Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN)

Child Care Development Fund Program

The child care program is funded through the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). This program is to provide childcare services and activities. The qualifications for the program are:

- There will always be a co-pay per child per month for each family.
- Live within 100 miles of the Peoria Tribal Office in the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, or Oklahoma.
- There must be an Indian in the household.
- Be under 13 years of age; or be under age 19 and physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves; or under court supervision.
- Reside with a family whose income does not exceed the maximum net income level. there will be some deductions considered. Income level does not apply to the children that are physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves.
- Co-pay **example**: Monthly net income of \$4,054.00 for a family of four, the co-pay would be \$105.00 per child per month. Every family will have a co-pay.
- Reside with a parent, parents or guardian who are gainfully employed or attending a job training or educational program; or receive, or need to receive, protective services.
- Adult must be at work or in class in order for the CCDF Program to assist with child care.

Indian Child Welfare

Indian Child Welfare services for the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma are available to all enrolled tribal members and, in most cases, to those who are eligible for enrollment.

The Indian Child Welfare Program (ICWP) is located in the Programs Office building. If you should need our services, please feel free to contact us there. The office number is 918-540-2535. You can ask for Doug Journeycake, Director, (Ext. 19 or Cell 918-540-4370).

Lack of Tribal Foster Homes is still an issue for the Tribes. If you are interested in becoming a Tribal Foster Home and want to open your heart and home to children in need, contact the ICWP now. You can give children a chance to have a new and better life. There are many rewards of being a foster parent as well as the wonderful results for the Tribe's children. The process is relatively simple, you fill out an application, and we will do a thorough Federal and State background check on anyone over 18 years of age living in the home. We will require you to provide four personal references that the Indian Child Welfare Program (ICWP) will contact, and then the Indian Child Welfare Director or his designated representative will do a home visit in your home. Once that process is completed, the Indian Child Welfare Program will license your home as a tribal foster home. Additionally, the Department of Human Services (DHS) has a critical need for tribal foster homes to provide homes for Indian Children in state custody.

The Tribe is fortunate that it has very few ICW cases. Tribal members should be proud of themselves and their family members, as this sets a standard that is hard to meet by the other Tribes in the area.

Doug Journeycake, Director
Indian Child Welfare

EDUCATION

The education committee met January 13, 2015, 5:00 pm. Three members were in attendance: Alan Goforth, Donna Fitzgibbon, and Sadie Detherage. It was the decision of the committee to fund 90 renewal students, 8 new students, 11 part-time students, 12 graduate program students, and 3 part-time graduate program students. Letters were mailed to 28 students requesting additional information. It was also the decision of the committee to not fund 6 students due to incomplete applications.

Financial need is not one of the criteria for the Peoria scholarship. Every Peoria college student is encouraged to apply. Please feel free to stop by the Peoria Tribal Office for other financial aid or scholarship information. It is never too early to obtain a scholarship application. You may do so by writing Education Director, Peoria Tribe, P.O. Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355; by phoning the Peoria office 1-918-540-2535 ext 10 or 1-800-259-9987 ext 10; or check it out on the Peoria Tribal website, www.peoriatribe.com.

Application deadlines are July 31 for the Fall semester and January 7 for the Spring semester. Incomplete or postage due applications will not be considered. Students who accept scholarship funds but do not complete their obligation for that semester and maintain a 2.5 GPA forfeit their eligibility for one semester.

If you know a Peoria student who has received scholastic honors or other special recognition at his or her school, please let the Education Director know. I can be reached at 1-800-259-9987, or 1-918-540-2535.

Mandie Ferguson, Education Director

CCDF Program

SAVE THE DATE: INTER-TRIBAL CHILDREN'S POW-WOW JUNE 13, 2015

Active play for children

Active play is physical activity. Engaging in active play with children is good role-modeling, and a great way to relieve stress.

Children learn behaviors from adults. Encouraging children to be physically active each day can help them develop a positive attitude toward movement, dance, sports, and other physical activity. Playing actively with children in your care can help them develop healthy habits.

Why is it important to encourage active play?

By moving more and sitting less, children learn to live in a healthful way. When children participate in active play, they develop their large muscles. Large muscle development is important for movements such as walking, balancing, sitting up straight, kicking, jumping, lifting, reaching, and throwing a ball. Large muscle development also supports the development of small muscles, which helps with skills such as holding small objects and turning pages in a book.

Active play also develops children's confidence in their ability to be physically active. You should encourage active play every day because:

Active play helps children build their bones.

Habits are learned early in life, so being active while in child care can create lifelong physical activity habits.

Children may spend a lot of time at home in front of televisions and computers instead of playing actively. Give them good habits while they are in your care!

To promote children's active play, **you** can:

Participate with children during active play time.

Plan and encourage physical activities that are appropriate and safe.

Encourage movement by getting children actively moving often.

Limit "screen time," such as TV and DVD viewing, video games, recreational computer use, and other electronic devices.

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Types of Winter Safety Tips for Children

Not every type of winter hazard is applicable to every child, but understanding the basic risks and how to minimize them can help parents protect their children from the ravages of winter.

Playing Outside

The cold temperatures and biting winds are the most obvious hazards when children play in the snow. Children who are not prepared for winter climates can suffer frostbite, hypothermia and severe chills that can lead to illness, poor judgment and even permanent injury. To avoid the dangers of cold weather:

- Dress in multiple layers to play outside, including extra layers for legs, feet, and hands.
- Always wear hats and gloves when playing outdoors in cold weather; the biggest proportions of body heat are lost through the head and hands.
- Limit the amount of time spent playing outdoors to safe intervals, and bring children inside periodically to warm up.
- Remove all wet clothing immediately and change to dry clothes if going back outdoors.
- Wear sunscreen on all exposed skin to guard against burns from bright sunlight and snow glare.
- Do not permit children to play outdoors in poor weather such as snowstorms, extreme cold, or high winds.
- Wear brightly colored outer clothing that is easily seen from a distance.
- Do not dress children in winter wear with drawstrings - they can cut off circulation and make frostbite a greater threat, and loose drawstrings may present a strangulation hazard.
- Teach children to avoid playing near snowplow areas.
- Do not permit children to dig snow tunnels or forts that may collapse and bury them.
- Avoid snowball fights that can lead to injuries from dangerous projectiles.
- Keep roofs, gutters and awnings free from snow and icicle buildup that could collapse and injure a child. Similarly, do not permit children to pull icicles from the roof.
- Teach children never to touch or lick exposed metal (fences, flagpoles, etc.) in winter.
- Do not allow children to eat snow. It may contain pollutants, dirt, fecal matter, or other contaminants, and the cold snow can chill a young child's body to dangerous levels.
- Regularly de-ice or sand sidewalks, driveways, patios, and other areas where children may play.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF ANNUAL ELECTION PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

Scheduled Saturday, March 7, 2015

The Election Committee of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma announces the cancellation of the Annual Election scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2015. The positions to be filled at this Election were Secretary and Third Councilman.

Alan Goforth, incumbent, was the only candidate to file for the position of Third Councilman. Tonya Stand Mathews was the only candidate to file for the position of Secretary. Both unopposed candidates have been declared by the Election Committee to be elected.

According to the Election Ordinance: "In the event that only one candidate files for elective office, that candidate shall be declared elected. In the event a candidate is declared elected, it will not be necessary for the Peoria Tribe to conduct an election by ballot for that elective office. Furthermore, in the event a candidate is declared elected, the candidate shall assume office immediately in the case of a vacancy, or at the next annual Peoria Council meeting upon the expiration of an elected official's term."



PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PEORIA COUNCIL

**At the Ottawa/Peoria Cultural Center In Miami,
Oklahoma On Saturday, March 7th, Business Session will be
Called to order at 1:00 p.m.**

**Lunch will be served for all tribal members
Between 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.**

**Please plan to stay for the
Peoria Stomp Dance and Dinner**

Dinner at 5:30 p.m./Dancing at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Peoria History Book	\$20.00
Miami/Peoria Dictionary	\$7.00
Myaamia & Peoria Narratives & Winter Stories	\$4.00
History of Illinois Indians DVD	\$29.95
Youth T-Shirts (please see list of available sizes)	\$8.00
Adults T-Shirts (please see list of available sizes)	\$10.00 plus sizes add \$2
Youth Hoodies (please see list of available sizes)	\$16.00
Adults Hoodies (please see list of available sizes)	\$18.00 plus sizes add \$2
Insulated Mugs	\$5.00/Each or 2/\$9.00
Ceramic Coffee Mugs (please see list of available colors)	\$5.00/Each or 2/\$9.00
Tribal Caps (please see list of available colors)	\$12.00
License Plates (Novelty)	\$ 6.00
Blankets (please see list of available colors)	\$20.00
Beaded Earrings & Bracelets (please contact office for more details & availability)	\$8.00 - \$12.00
Beaded Necklaces Sets (please contact office for more details & availability)	\$35.00
Shawls (please contact office for more details & availability)	\$15.00 - \$50.00

Ball Cap Colors		Blanket colors	
Black	Navy	Black	Forest Green
Dark Green	Tan	Royal Blue	Charcoal Gray
Maroon	Charcoal Gray	Red	

Coffee Mug Colors
Black
Dark Green
Wedgewood Blue
Yellow
Purple
Pink

SIZES AVAILABLE	
T-shirts	Hoodies
Youth sizes:	Youth sizes:
12 & 24 mos	
2T/ 3T/ X-Sm/Y Med/Y Lg	2T/ 3T/ Med/ Lg
Adult Sizes:	Adult Sizes:
Sm/ Med/ Lg/ XL/ Plus Size: XXL/ XXXL	Sm/ Med/ Lg/ XL/ Plus Size: XXL



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Order information:

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Email: mferguson@peoriatribe.com – Please email with any questions you might have.

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Miami, OK 74355

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Shipping for orders \$75 or less is \$7.50

SUBTOTAL

Shipping for orders over \$75 add 10%

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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: PEORIA TRIBE

SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE AND CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

The Election Committee of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma announces a Special Election for the following position in accordance with Article IX, Section 1 of the constitution of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma approved August 13, 1997: on position on the Grievance Committee.

The special election will be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2015**, at the Peoria Tribal Administration Building, 118 South Eight Tribes Trail in Miami, Oklahoma. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Any member of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma shall be eligible to vote, provided the member is eighteen (18) years of age or over on the date of election. **Each member will be required to show proof of identification in the form of a government issued photo identification showing their name to match the Official Voters' List provided by the Tribal Enrollment Office.**

The ballots will be counted and tabulated and the results announced immediately. In the event no candidate receives a majority vote, the Election Committee will immediately call for a run-off election by announcing the time polls will open. Polls for a run-off election shall remain open for a period of two (2) hours. Balloting will continue (by call of the Election Committee) until one candidate receives a clear majority of total votes cast.

In accordance with Article XVI, Section 1(i) of the Election Ordinance, in the event only one candidate files for elective office, that candidate shall be declared elected. In the event a candidate is declared elected, it will not be necessary for the Peoria Tribe to conduct an election, by ballot, for that elective office. Furthermore, in the event a candidate is declared elected, that candidate shall assume office upon taking the Oath of Office.

In the event no one files for an elective office in accordance with the forty-five (45) day Declaration of Candidacy policy, the Election Committee shall issue a second Election Notice.

Candidacy Filing Deadline

All candidates must file their Declaration of Candidacy forms and pay the filing fee, in person, with the Election Committee or the Committee's designated representative at the Peoria Tribal office building, 118 South Eight Tribes Trail in Miami, Oklahoma, during normal working hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). **The deadline for filing is 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2015.**

QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES

The following qualifications for candidates must be satisfied in accordance with the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma:

Article IX, Section 5

Qualifications of Candidates – Any member of the Peoria Tribe who is at least twenty-five (25) years of age on the date of election; and who has never been convicted of a felony in a court of competent jurisdiction, shall qualify as a candidate for membership on the Business Committee or Grievance Committee.

Any member of the Peoria Tribe who files for an elective office and is currently holding another elective Tribal office, will upon filing, immediately resign his or her present office. Resigning from a present office will apply only if an incumbent files for a different elective office.

Article IX, Section 6

Nominations – Nominations for the Business Committee and the Grievance Committee shall be filed with the Election Committee at least forty-five (45) days prior to the election in accordance with the Election Ordinance.

FILING PROCEDURES

Filing procedures are prescribed by the Election Ordinance and governed by the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

Candidate For Office: Any qualified member of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma who desires his/her name to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for any elective office, shall file a Declaration of Candidacy form with the Election Committee or the Committee's designated representative. The official form shall be provided by the Peoria Tribe. The prospective candidate's membership shall be verified by the Tribal Enrollment Officer and a background investigation conducted by the Election Committee.

Declaration of Candidacy: The Declaration of Candidacy shall be in writing in the form prescribed by the Election Committee and filed in person during normal working hours, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the election, at the Peoria Tribal office building or other designated location. No person shall be a candidate for more than one (1) position on the Business Committee at any time.

Filing Fee: There shall be a non-refundable fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) paid by prospective candidates for the elected offices. The filing fee shall be by cash, certified check, or money order, made payable to the Peoria Tribe. The filing fee shall be paid, in person, on the same date the prospective candidate submits his/her Declaration of Candidacy. This filing fee shall be deposited into the Tribal treasury for the use of the Tribe to defray all expenses incurred as a result of the election.

Withdrawal: A person seeking an elected office may withdraw his/her Declaration of Candidacy by filing a written notice of withdrawal, in person, with the Election Committee or designated representative. The notice of withdrawal shall be filed during normal working hours at the Peoria Tribal office building or other designated location. Such notice shall contain the candidate's name, address and the position for which he/she is a candidate. Also, such notice shall be signed by the candidate and notarized. If a candidate withdraws after ballots have been printed, the Election Committee shall post notices to that effect at the voting place and within the voting booths and make a line through or otherwise obliterate the candidate's name from the ballots. Any votes cast for a withdrawn candidate shall not be counted.

Verify Qualifications of Candidates: The Election Committee shall review all filings for the elected office to ascertain that the prospective candidates meet the qualifications set forth in Article IX, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe. The Election Committee shall make these determinations no later than ten (10) days following receipt of Declaration of Candidacy form. If the Election Committee determines that a person is not eligible to be a candidate, the Election Committee or designated representative shall notify that person in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, of their decision. That person's name shall not be included on the ballot. The ineligible person may appeal, in writing, the Election Committee's decision to the Business Committee at the next monthly meeting of the Business Committee.

The Peoria Tribal Burial Assistance Benefit

The Peoria Tribal Burial Assistance Benefit is \$10,000 per member. All Burial Assistance Applications must be completed and returned with an original certified death certificate no later than 180 days from the date of death. All deceased must be enrolled members of the Peoria Tribe. Payment will be made directly to the funeral home. Please visit with the funeral home concerning this policy. You may request a copy of the application by contacting the Tribal Enrollment Office, Donna Harp, in writing via email at dharp@peoriatribes.com, postal service, or by telephone at 918-540-2535 or 1-800-259-9987.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2014:

Chief John Froman called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the invocation. Chief Froman announced Secretary Don Giles resignation from the Business Committee. The position of Secretary will remain vacant until Annual Meeting on March 7, 2015. Chief Froman declared a quorum with 5 members present, 1 vacancy. Motion was made and seconded to approve the amended agenda with additional Resolution R-10-07-14-E as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of September 2, 2014, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for August 2014. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve recommended pay increase to take effect next pay period. Motion carried with a vote of 4 for, 1 abstention. Motion was made and seconded to waive the Construction Bond on All American Business Lease. Motion carried unanimously. After discussion, motion was made and seconded to waive the procurement policy for the price of the survey for Peoria Cemetery. Motion carried unanimously. There was no unfinished business brought before the Committee. Motion made and seconded to approve the new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Upon motions made and duly seconded, five resolutions were presented for consideration and all were approved by unanimous votes: (1) **Resolution R-10-07-14-A, "Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll"** (2) **Resolution R-10-07-14-B, "A Resolution to Request Funding for the Development of Tribal Water Resources"** (3) **Resolution R-10-07-14-C, "Request for Transfer of Funds from Peoria Tribal Tax Commission Account to Tribal Enterprises Account"** (4) **Resolution R-10-07-14-D, "Approval of Revised Gaming Ordinance of November 4, 2003"** (5) **Resolution R-10-07-14-E, "Providing Consent to Trust Applications Involving Formerly Unallotted Lands"** Public comments were received Annette Black regarding tribal insurance policies. Chief also recognized Bob Lembcke who was in attendance at the meeting. Carolyn Ritchey mentioned positive feedback she received regarding the wetland project, and an inquiry she received about the former Miami Country Club property. There was no call for Executive Session. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2014:

Second Chief Jason Dollarhide called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the invocation. Jason Dollarhide declared a quorum with 5 members present. Chief Froman called ahead, and was unable to attend the meeting. Motion was made seconded to approve the agenda with revised Resolution R-11-04-14-A as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of October 7, 2014, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for September 2014. Motion carried unanimously. There was no unfinished business brought before the Committee. Upon motions made and duly seconded one resolution was presented for consideration and was approved by a unanimous vote. (1) **Resolution R-11-04-14-A, "Approval of Renewal of Outdoor Advertising Lease with All American Outdoor Advertising INC."** Public comments were received by Annette Black regarding American Indian Heritage month, and program that was televised during Native American Flag Ceremony held in Kansas City. Carolyn Ritchey reported she received several inquiries regarding the former Miami Country Club property. There was no call for Executive Session. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 2, 2014:

Chief Froman called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the invocation. Chief Froman declared a quorum with 5 members present. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 4, 2014, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for October 2014. Motion

carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve a Christmas bonus for each full-time employee in the amount of \$500.00. Motion carried unanimously. There was no unfinished business brought before the Committee. Motion was made by and seconded to approve the new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Upon motions made and duly seconded one resolution was presented for consideration and was approved by a unanimous vote: (1) **Resolution R-12-02-14-A, "Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll.** Motion was made and seconded to approve the reappointment of Bud Ellis, Toni Potts, Tonya Grayson, Courtney McCartney, and Kristen Gillman to the Election Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the reappointment of John Weedn to the Peoria Tribal Gaming Commission. Motion carried unanimously. Public comments were received by Chief Froman regarding bids received to replace siding on garage and Environmental Building. Carolyn Ritchey updated the Committee on former Secretary Don Giles, who recently resigned from the Business Committee due to health concerns. There was no call for Executive Session. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.



PEORIA TRIBE
OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

STOMP DANCE

Saturday, March 7, 2015
Ottawa/Peoria Cultural Center*, Miami, Oklahoma

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Please bring your own lawn chairs.

Stomp Dance from 7 p.m.

Not responsible for accidents.

**Home folks please bring a covered dish and a cake.
Visitors – bring yourselves!**

No alcohol or drugs allowed!

CAKE WALKS – 50/50 – RAFFLES

**For more information contact The Peoria Tribal Office
At 918-540-2535**

***North from intersection of the Will Rogers Turnpike Gate (Exit 313) and Hwy. 10 (Steve Owens Blvd.) to U.S. 69A; take the second right turn (east) to Ottawa/Peoria Cultural Center. Watch for sign.**

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Hi, my name is Christina McDowell. I am the new Vendor Compliance Agent responsible for vendor licensing. I began my employment with the Tribe on December 15, 2014. I am married to Christopher McDowell and we have two children: Andy, a Senior at Miami High School and Elizabeth, an 8th grader at Will Rogers Middle School. I look forward to serving the Peoria Tribe and look forward to meeting tribal members at the upcoming Annual Meeting on March 7th.

Tribal Committees

Business Committee

Chief	John P. Froman	03/2014
Second Chief	Jason Dollarhide	03/2017
Treasurer	Aaron Wayne Blalock	03/2016
Secretary	Vacant	03/2015
First Councilman	Carolyn Ritchey	03/2016
Second Councilman	Craig Harper	03/2017
Third Councilman	Alan Goforth	03/2015

Grievance Committee

Lela Stand.....	2014
Vacant.....	2017
Katy Sisco.....	2017
Hank Downum.....	2014
Mark Davey.....	2016

Election Committee

Kristen Gillman, Chairperson; Courtney McCartney, Secretary; Bud Ellis, Toni Potts

Enrollment Committee

Jenny Rampey, Jeane Wynn, & Kay Harper

Economic Development/Finance/Properties

Don E. Giles, Hank Downum

Housing/Social Services

Beebe Mitchell, M. Annette Black

Education Committee

Donna Fitzgibbon, Chairperson; Alan Goforth, Secretary; Sadie Detherage

Audit Committee

Michael Lewis, Kendra Pogue, Meredith Purgason

Culture and Language Committee

Donna Fitzgibbon, Kevin Dawes

Stomp Dance Committee

Rob Blalock, Chairperson; John Froman, Rick Landers, Terry Kinder, Ruthie Jones, Donna Fitzgibbon, Karen Stand, David Tyner, Darlene Young, Jeffery "Dude" Blalock, Bill Blalock

Repatriation Committee

Jason Dollarhide, Chairperson; Michael Eddy, John Froman, Eddie Froman, Don Giles, Cynthia Purgason, LeAnne Reeves, Jane Hahn, Laura McCoy

Cemetery Committee

Bill Blalock, John Froman

Historical Committee

Joann Evans, Chairperson; Roberta Lindsly, Rick Landers

Greetings Tribal Members,

Work continues on the Schoolhouse. The new paint job is bright, flooring is in, and a stone walkway is being installed. It is looking really well.



The Elder Care and Disability Reimbursement Program is in full swing. Some of you have expressed your gratitude for this program, and those expressions have been passed on to the Business Committee. Though it's not most convenient to submit original receipts, it is necessary, and I appreciate your coordination in providing those very much. If you've not enrolled, please do so before the end of this fiscal year (March 31, 2015) to ensure you maximize the benefits available to you. Again, please call with any questions.

As Native American Grave Repatriation and Protection Act (NAGPRA) work continues, Indiana University is working with us to bring home some 20 ancestors remains for repatriation in the fall. The staff there are anxious to work with us and are a pleasure.

Respectfully,
Cynthia Stacy

